

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A device comprising:
2 an opto-electronic circuit fabricated a first substrate having conductive
3 surfaces; and
4 a package substrate coupled to the opto-electronic circuit at the conductive
5 surfaces via solder bumps.
- 1 2. The device of claim 1, wherein the opto-electronic circuit further comprises:
2 at least two planar waveguides; and
3 a heating element coupled to at least one of the two planar waveguides, the
4 heating element coupled to the package substrate via the solder bumps.
- 1 3. The device of claim 2 further comprising:
2 a conductive strip on the package substrate coupling the heating element to
3 the package substrate.
- 1 4. The device of claim 3 further comprising:
2 a conductive pad on a side of the package substrate opposite the conductive
3 strip, the conductive pad coupled to the conductive strip through a via,
4 the conductive pad used to surface mount the package substrate.

- 1 5. The device of claim 2, wherein the package substrate comprises ceramic.
- 1 6. The device of claim 2, wherein the heating element is coupled to the package
2 substrate at a first node and a second node of the package substrate.
- 1 7. The device of claim 6 further comprising:
2 a conductive strip attached to the first node and the second node of the
3 package substrate.
- 1 8. A method of making an opto-electronic device comprising:
2 aligning an opto-electronic circuit having a first plurality of electrical
3 contacts to a package substrate having a corresponding second plurality
4 of electrical contacts; and
5 bonding the opto-electronic circuit to the package substrate using solder
6 bumps.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein aligning the opto-electronic circuit further
2 comprises:
3 aligning a heating element of a thermo-optic switch with conductive strips of
4 the package substrate.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein bonding the opto-electronic circuit to the
2 package substrate further comprises:

3 bonding the heating element of the thermo-optic switch to the conductive
4 strips of the package substrate using solder bumps.

1 11. A method of operating a thermo-optic switch having a heating element, the
2 method comprising:
3 providing an electric current to the heating element through a first and
4 second solder bump nodes coupling the heating element to a package
5 substrate; and
6 causing an optical signal to change direction due to heating of the heating
7 element caused by the electric current.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the electric current is provided to the
2 package substrate through surface mounted leads.

1 13. The method of claim 12 further comprising:
2 controlling the electric current by an electrical controller surface mounted to
3 a circuit board common with the package substrate.

1 14. The method of claim 12 further comprising:
2 controlling the electric current by an electrical controller mounted on the
3 package substrate.

1 15. A system comprising:
2 a thermo-optic switch surface mounted to a circuit board; and

3 an electrical controller surface mounted to the circuit board, the electrical
4 controller providing electrical signals to the thermo-optic switch
5 through the circuit board.

1 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the thermo-optic switch further comprises:
2 a first substrate having a heating element;
3 a second substrate, the heating element coupled to the second substrate via
4 solder bumps.

1 17. The system of claim 16, wherein the thermo-optic switch further comprises:
2 a waveguide in close proximity to the heating element, the waveguide
3 comprising a thermally sensitive material.

1 18. The system of claim 17, wherein the waveguide comprises silica on silicon.